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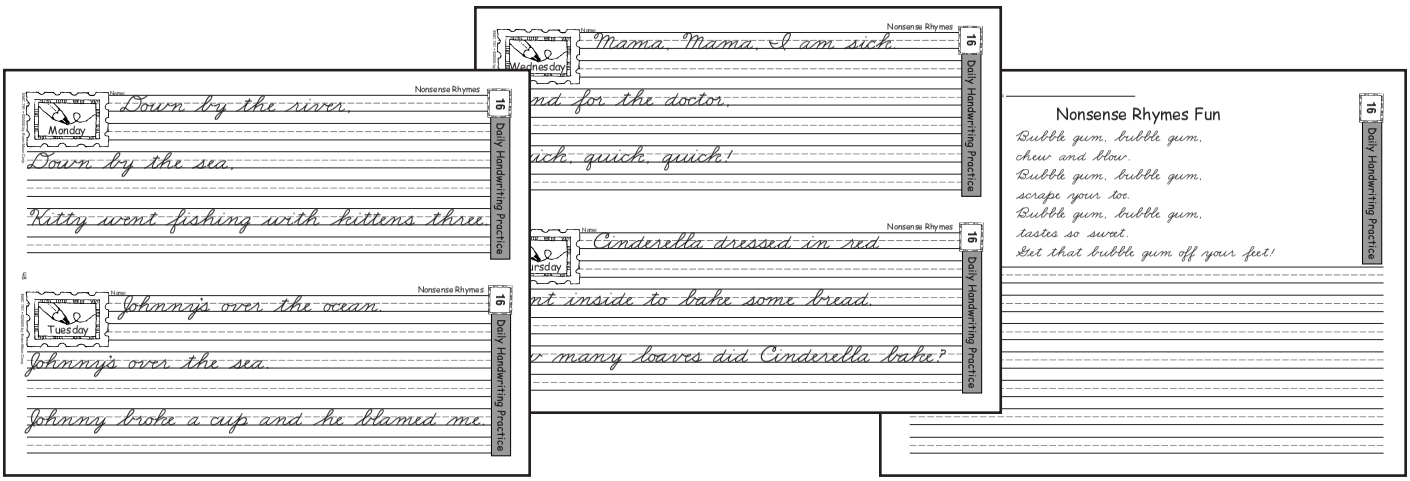
Why *Daily Handwriting Practice*?

The premise behind *Daily Handwriting Practice* is simple and straightforward—frequent, focused practice of a skill leads to mastery and retention of that skill.

What's in *Daily Handwriting Practice*?

- The book is divided into 36 weekly sections. On Monday through Thursday students complete half pages to practice writing letters, words, and sentences. Friday's practice is a full page.



- A full-page chart showing proper letter formation is included.
- *Daily Handwriting Practice* is more than handwriting. While completing the handwriting exercises, students learn about a variety of curriculum topics:

The Alphabet
Capital Letters
Months of the Year
Days of the Week
Geography Facts
Inventors
The Seven Continents
The Weather
Our Presidents
Games Around the World
Native American Tribes
Unusual Plants
Prefixes and Suffixes
Rhyming Words
Rivers of the World
Nonsense Rhymes
Unusual Animals
Owls Are Amazing Hunters
Whales
The Water Cycle
Using Good Verbs
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Learning About Kenya
Writing About Math
Alphabets Around the World

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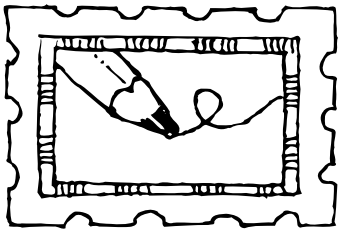

Letter Formation Chart
Traditional Cursive

Aa Bb Cc Dd

Ee Ff Gg Hh

Ii Jj Kk Ll

Mm Nn Oo Pp

Qq Rr Ss Tt

Uu Vv Ww Xx

Yy Zz

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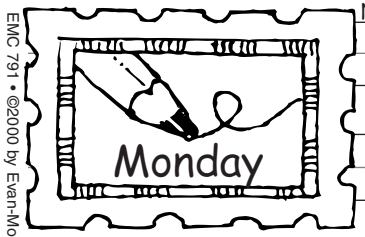

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a a a b b b

c c c d d d

e e e f f f

cab dab bad

face ace bead

fee baa deed

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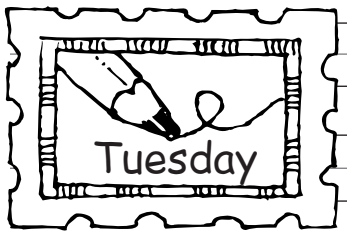

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g g g h h h

i i i j j j

k k k l l l

kid lid bib

leg hill jab

dig big cake

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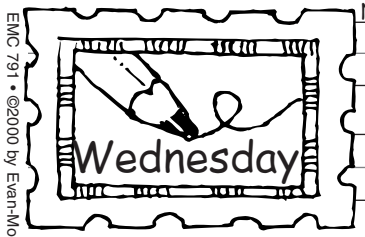

Name:

m m m n n n

o o o p p p

q q q r r r

poem moon race

mane roam drop

drape bean pail

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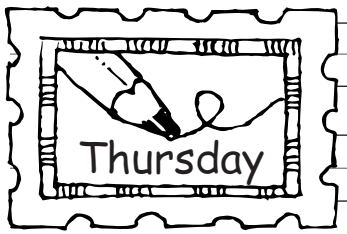

Name:

s s s t t t

u u u v v v

w w w x x x

y y y z z z

years amazing

quiet windows

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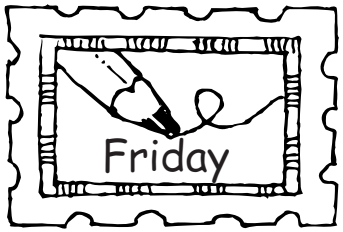


Name: _____

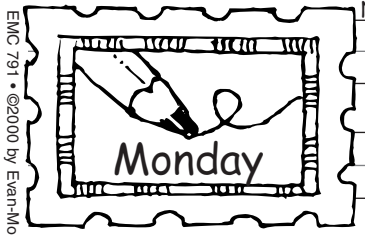
In Just

when the world is puddle-wonderful
the queer old balloonman whistles
far and wee
and betty and disbel come dancing
from hop-scotch and jump-rope and
it's spring

e.e. cummings

e.e. cummings is a poet who uses very few capital letters.
Practice your lowercase letters by copying this stanza from his poem.

Sign your name like e.e. cummings. Use your first two initials and your last name with no capitals.



Name:

A B C D E

F G H I

Amber Bob

Carlos Dastri

Eddie Fran

Gunter Hoa Ira

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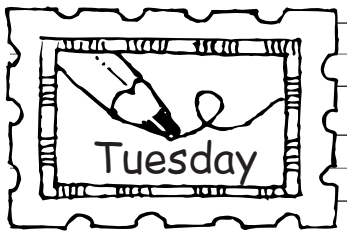

Name:

J K L M N

O P Q R

Jamal Kanika

Lana Maria

Namid Olga

Paul Quon Raul

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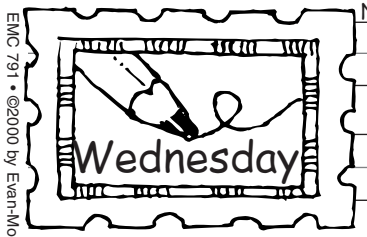

Name:

S T U V

W X Y Z

Scott Tina

Usef Victor

Walker Xavier

Yasmin Zeke

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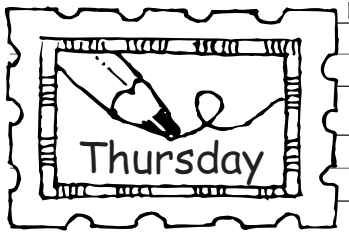

Name:

Aa Bb Cc Dd

Ee Ff Gg Hh

Ii Jj Kk Ll

Mm Nn Oo Pp

Qq Rr Ss Tt

Uu Vv Ww X Y Z

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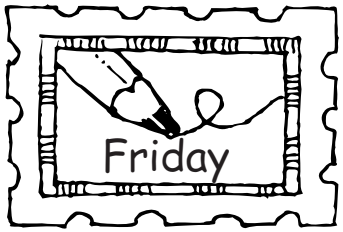

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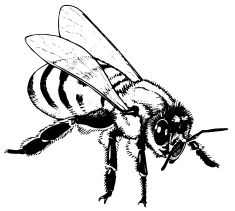
A Dialogue



Student: A, B, C, D, Eeee! A bee!

Teacher: No. A, B, C, D, E, F

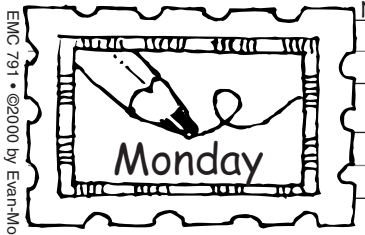
Student: A, B, C, D, E, F, Gee, a bee!

Teacher: No. No. No.

Student: A bee!

Teacher: That's better. A, B, C...

Copy the letters and the words written in cursive.



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January
February
March

Jumpin' January
Flag-waving February
Mixed-up March

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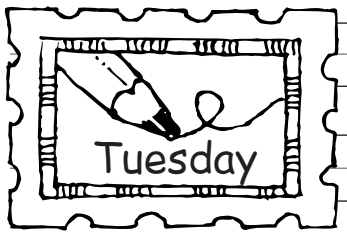

Name:

April
May
June

Alarming April
Marvelous May
Jazzy June

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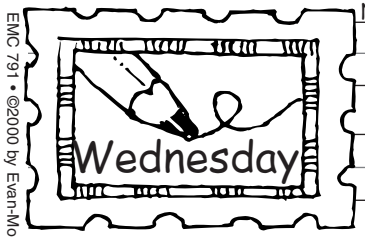

Name:

July
August
September
Jolly July
Ambitious August
Spirited September

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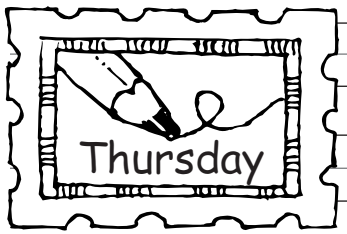

Name:

October
November
December
Orderly October
Next-to-last November
Dazzling December

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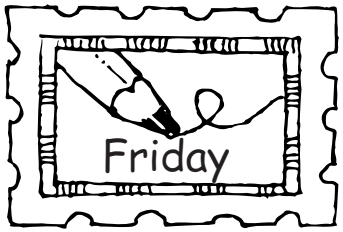

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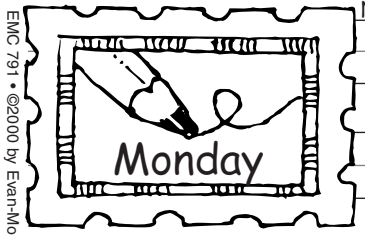
Months of the Year

January February March
April May June
July August September
October November December

Write the months in alphabetical order.



Name:

Monday

Tuesday

Monday mornings make me merry.

Tuesday twilight turns into tomorrow.

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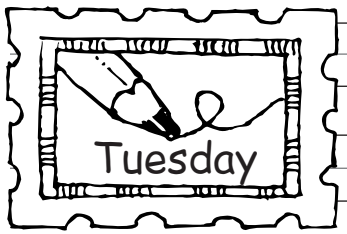

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Wednesday

Thursday

Wild Wednesday winds whistle.

Thursday tornadoes turn treacherous.

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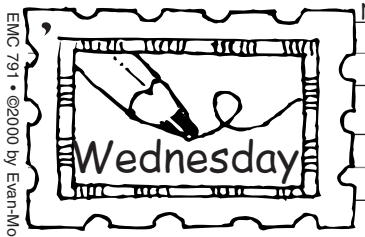

Name:

Friday

Saturday

Fun-filled Friday flies by fast.

Some summer Saturdays start slowly.

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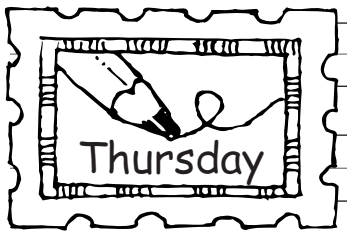

Name:

Sunday

swim shower

Sunday's sun swims into showers.

Soon the showers slip back to sun.

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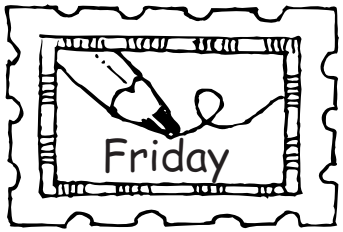
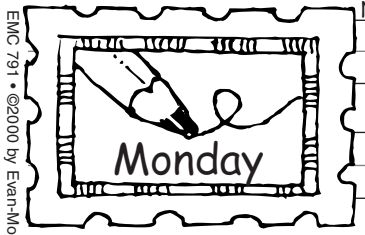


Name: _____

Days of the Week

Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go,
Friday's child is loving and giving,
Saturday's child works for a living;
But the child that's born on Sunday
Is blithe and bonny, good and gay.

Copy this Mother Goose rhyme.



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North South

East West

East is east and West is west.

But I think home is always best.

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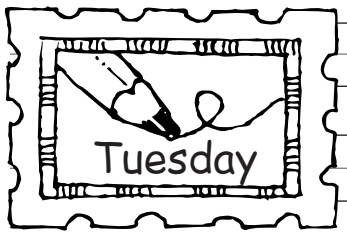

Name:

compass rose

legend

The compass rose shows directions.

The legend of a map is a key.

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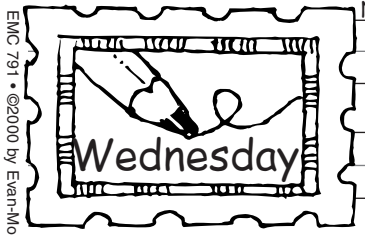

Name:

equator

prime meridian

These are imaginary lines on a map.

They help people describe locations.

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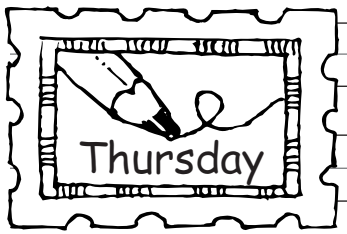

Name:

North Pole

South Pole

The North Pole is at the top of a globe.

The South Pole is at the bottom.

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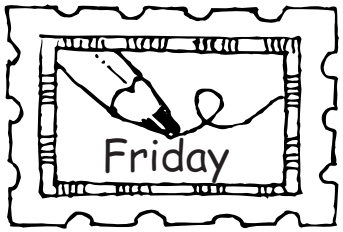

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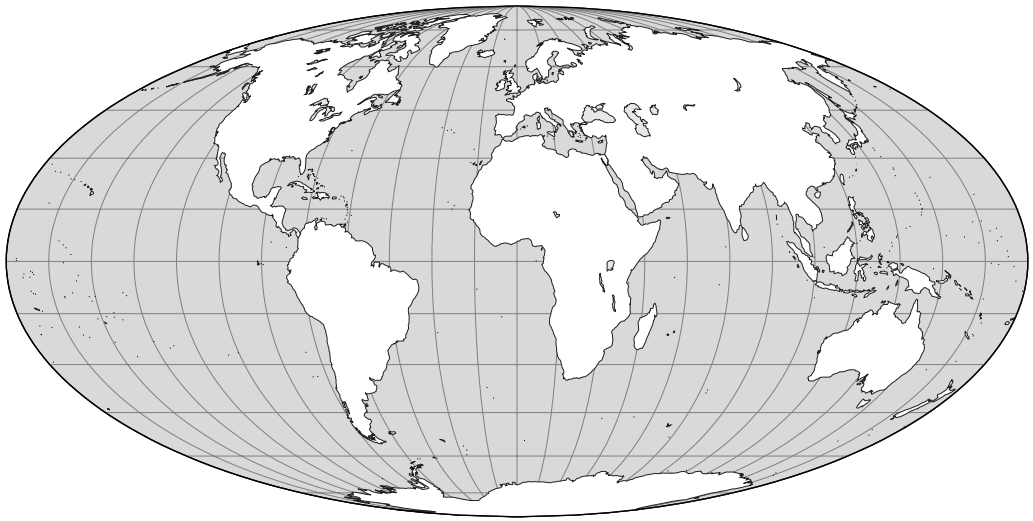


What is the latitude and longitude of your hometown?

_____ latitude,

_____ longitude

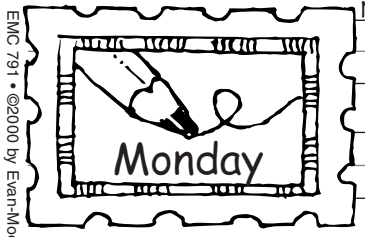
Copy this.

latitude longitude

Lines of latitude parallel the equator.

Lines of longitude run north and south.

The lines help find a place on the globe.



Name:

telephones

A. G. Bell

Mr. Bell patented the telephone in 1876.

Today there are more than 425 million.

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(R. J. Anderson patented the idea of a washing machine with wooden tubs.)

Inventors
6
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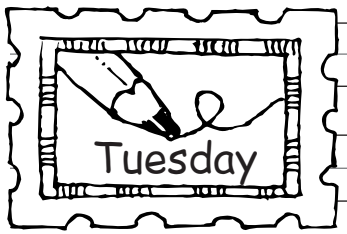

Name:

washing machines

R. J. Anderson

People used to wash clothes by hand.

Then washing machines were invented.

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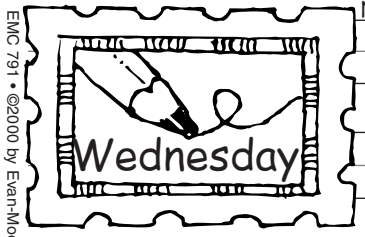

Name:

airplanes
Wright Brothers
In 1903 Orville flew for 12 seconds.

Today jumbo jets fly for many hours.

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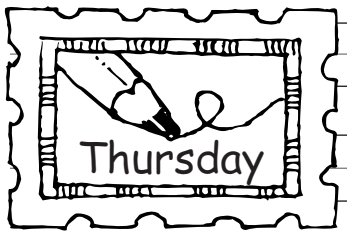

Name:

automobiles
Henry Ford
Mr. Ford made Model Ts in 1908.

Today computers help cars run well.

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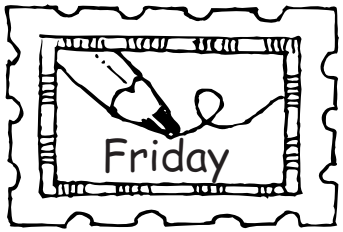

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Famous Inventors

Jacques Cousteau ..... SCUBA

Thomas Edison..... light bulb

Benjamin Franklin ..... bifocals

Galileo Galilei ..... telescope

Louis Pasteur ..... pasteurization

George Westinghouse ..... air brakes

Steve Wozniak ..... personal computer

Copy the names of these famous inventors.

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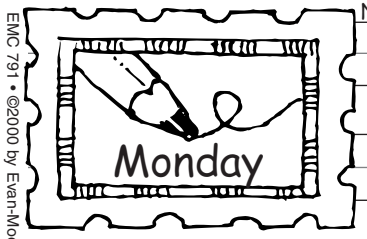

Name:

continent
landmass

A continent is a large landmass.

The Earth has seven major continents.

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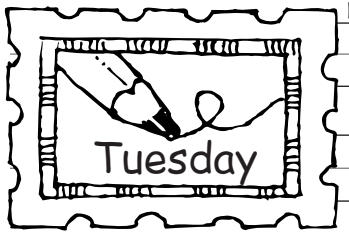

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North America
South America
is north of the equator.

is south of the equator.

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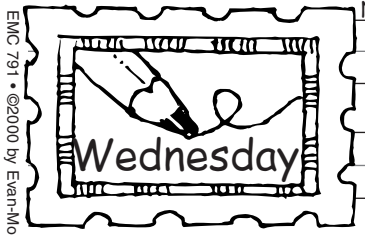

Name:

Australia
Antarctica

These two continents are islands.

The South Pole is on Antarctica.

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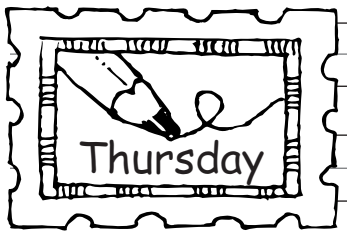

Name:

Europe
Asia Africa

Africa is the second-largest continent.

Asia is the largest and most populated.

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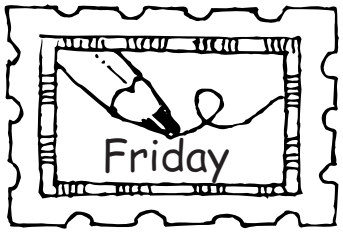

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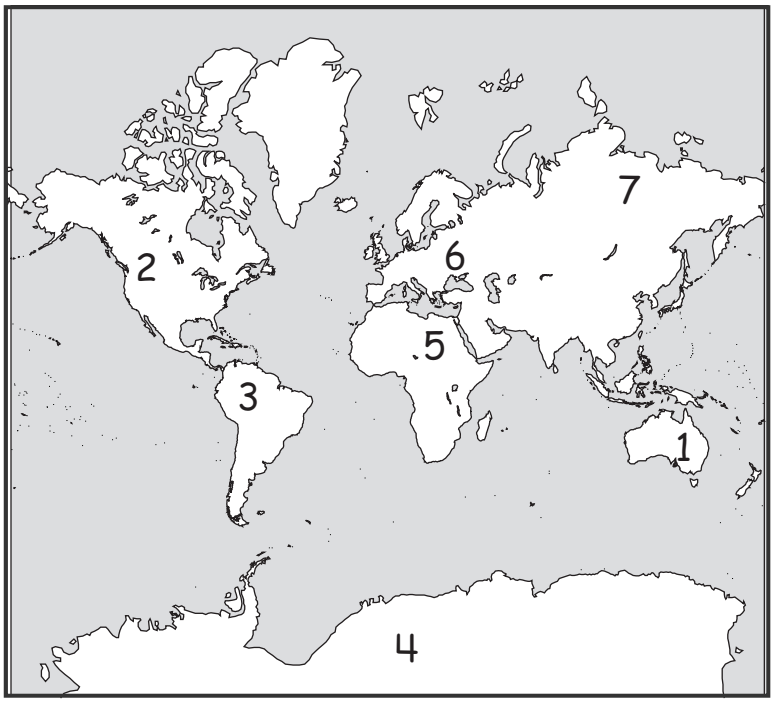
The Continents

Word Box	
Australia	Antarctica
Asia	Africa
Europe	North America
South America	

Write the name of each continent on the correct line.
Then answer the questions below.

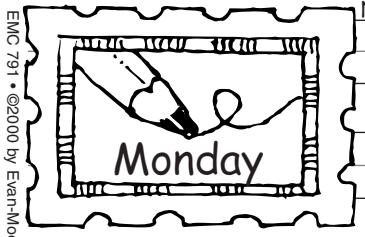


1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Which continents have you visited?

On which continent do you live?

What continents are your nearest neighbors?



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windy rainy

sunny snowy

cloudy foggy

breezy drippy

A weatherman gives a weather report.

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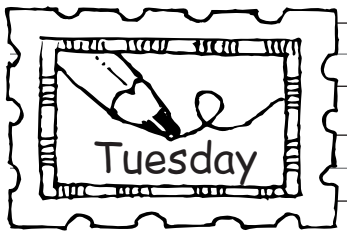

Name:

weatherman

meteorologist

A weatherman is a meteorologist.

When you give a forecast, you predict.

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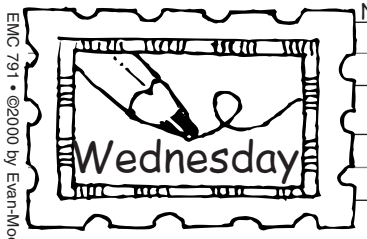

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Humidity
Temperature
is moisture in the air.
tells how hot or cold it is.
When both are low, it's cool and dry.

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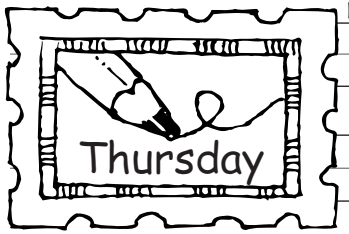

Name:

barometer
thermometer
A barometer measures air pressure.

A thermometer measures temperature.

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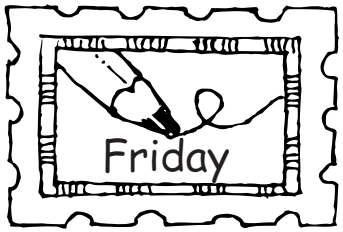

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Extreme Weather

Sometimes weather can be extreme. A blizzard is a bad snowstorm. Hurricanes, tornadoes, and cyclones are violent windstorms. A tsunami is a great sea wave. When water overflows and covers the land, it is called a flood.

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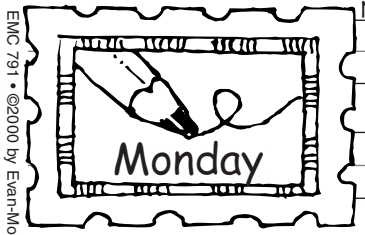

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George Washington

Washington was the first president.

He was a general in the army.

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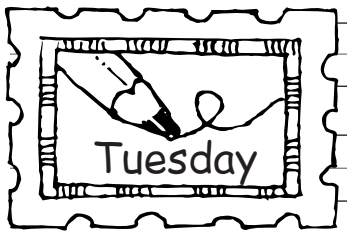

Name:

Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson could speak five languages. He wrote the Declaration of Independence.

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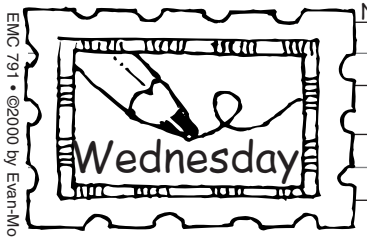

Name:

Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln was a Civil War president.

He signed a paper that freed slaves.

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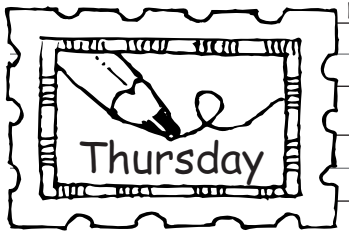

Name:

John F. Kennedy

Kennedy founded the Peace Corps.

He was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

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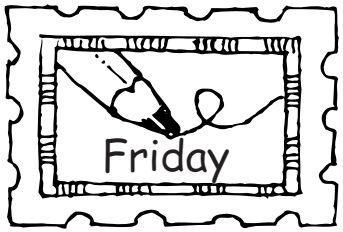

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Presidential Oath of Office

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Copy the oath.

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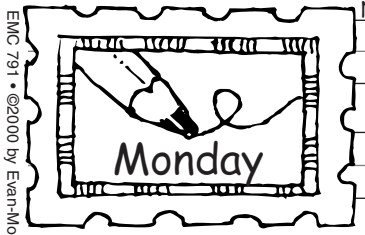

Tic-Tac-Toe

three-in-a-row

Tic-Tac-Toe has many versions.

Three-in-a-row wins around the world.

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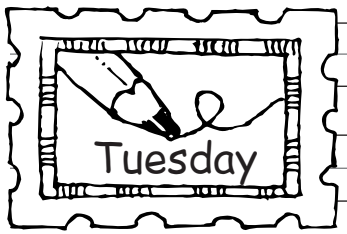

Three Men's Morris

Three Men's Morris is an old game.

It was played in China in 1400 B.C.

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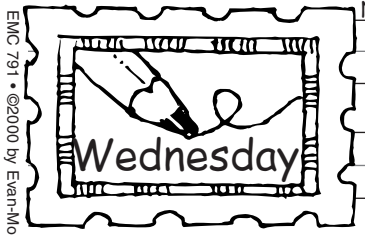

Name:

Seega

Egypt

Ancient Egyptians played Seega.

Players moved markers on a board.

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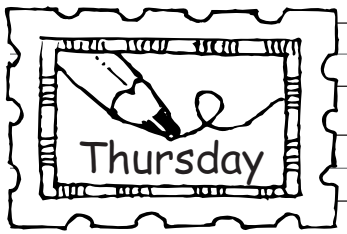

Name:

Picaria

Native American

Players take turns placing markers.

They line up three markers to win.

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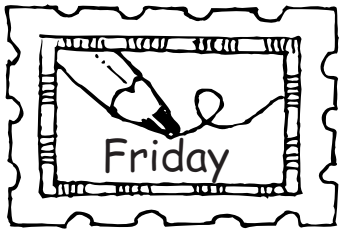

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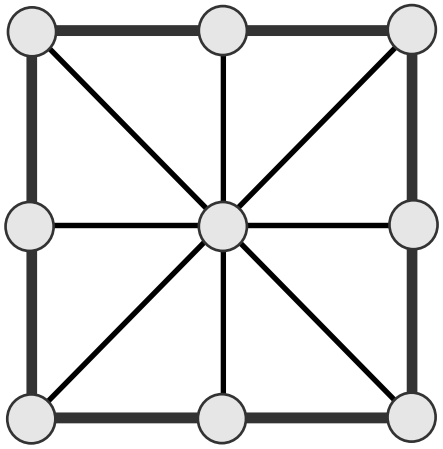
Achi

Central African children draw the Achi game board in the dirt and gather small stones to use as markers. Copy the directions for play. Then try the game.

You Need:
- 2 players
- 8 markers:
  - 4 light-colored
  - 4 dark-colored
- game board



How to Play:

1. *Take turns putting one marker at a time on any circle.*
2. *Try to get three markers in a row.*
3. *If no one gets three in a row, take turns moving the markers.*

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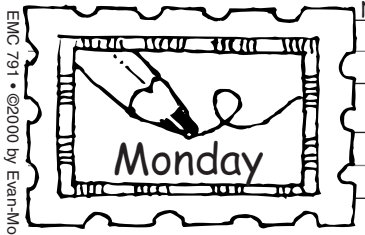

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Onondaga

Seneca

Woodland tribes made homes of wood.

These natives lived by the water.

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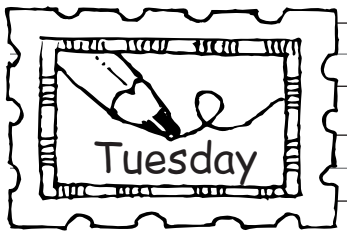

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Pawnee

Sioux

Great Plains tribes tracked buffalo.

Their portable tents were easy to move.

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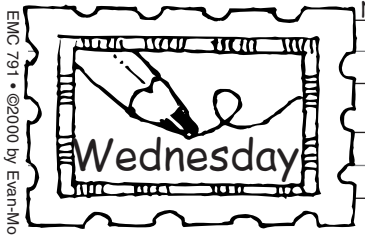

Name:

Navaho

Pima Zuni

These tribes were farmers and artists.

They made rugs, pottery, and jewelry.

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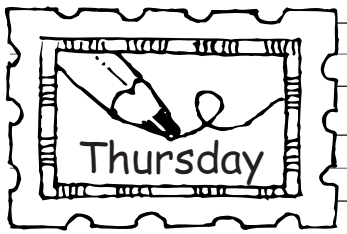

Name:

Kwakiutl

Nootka

These tribes built plank homes.

They held parties called potlatches.

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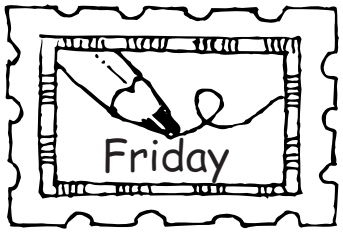

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Native Americans Yesterday and Today

Several million people lived in North America before Europeans arrived. Today reservations are located in thirty-four states. Many Native Americans live on these reservations. Other Native Americans live in cities and towns.

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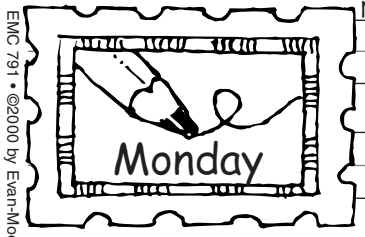

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Venus's-flytrap
carnivorous
The Venus's-flytrap eats insects.

Its leaves work like a trap.

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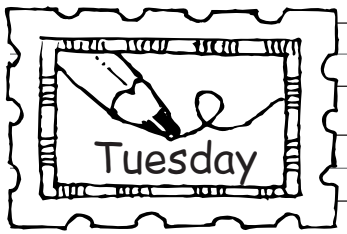

Name:

kapok tree
rainforest
The kapok tree can be 200 feet tall.

Many plants and animals live in it.

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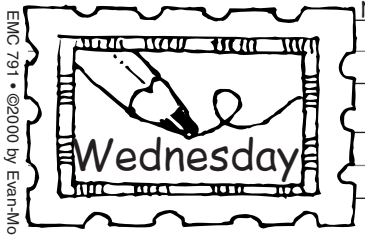

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saguaro cactus

Sonoran Desert

The saguaro can be 200 years old.

Its skin stores rainwater.

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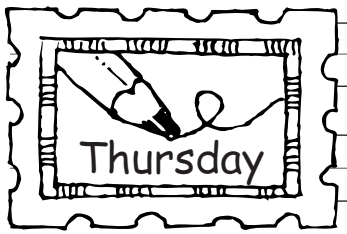

Name:

kelp

seaweed

The giant kelp is like a tree.

Its holdfast ties the plant to a rock.

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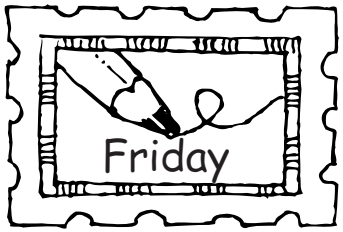

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Unusual Plants

There are many different kinds of plants. Each plant is adapted to the environment where it grows.

The Venus's-flytrap grows in an environment of limited nutrients so it has become carnivorous. The kapok tree has large palmlike leaves. The saguaro cactus has spiny needles. The kelp plant has a holdfast instead of a root.

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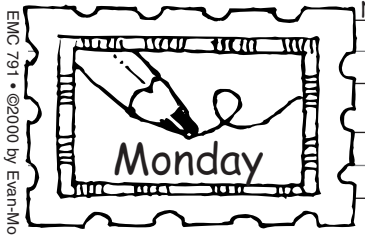

un re

tri pre

unhappy repeat

tricycle prevent

A prefix is at the beginning of a word.

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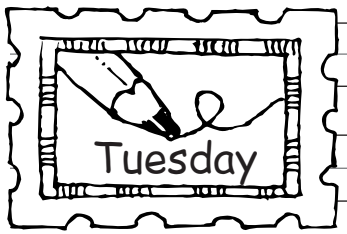

in im

dis mis

imperfect disrespect

ineffective misprint

Add in or im to make an antonym.

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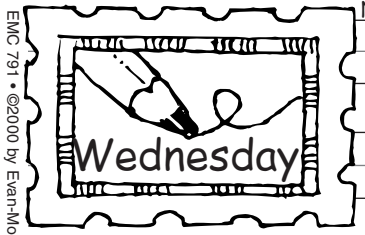

Name:

ful ly

en ology

hopeful quickly

wooden biology

Put a suffix at the end of a word.

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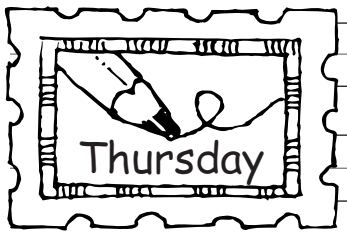

Name:

less

ment

hopeless movement

careless agreement

The suffix less means "without."

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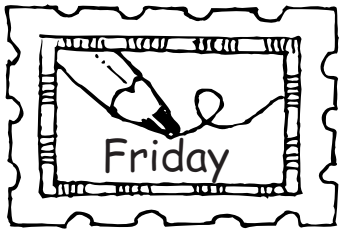

Name: _____

disconnected
hopeful
preview
quickly
reorganize
director
misprint

Prefixes

re ..... means "again"
dis ..... means "not"
pre ..... means "before"
mis .....means "wrong"

Suffixes

ful ..... means "full of"
ly ..... means "in a _____ manner"
or and **er** ..... means "a person who"

Copy each word. Write its meaning.

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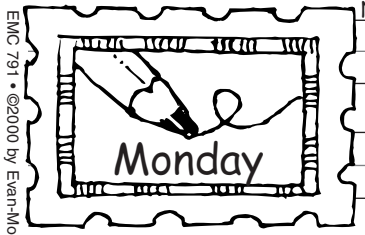

spoon balloon

noon moon

You seldom see the moon at noon.

Try to pop a balloon with a spoon.

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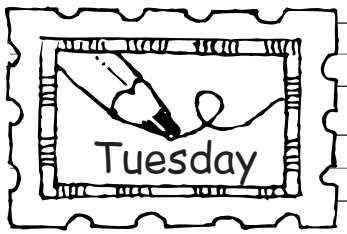

bug slug

rug hug

He is as snug as a bug in a rug.

It would be hard to hug a slug.

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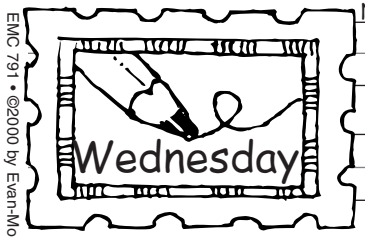

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drink wink
think shrink

Can you drink while you wink?

Will you shrink? Do you think?

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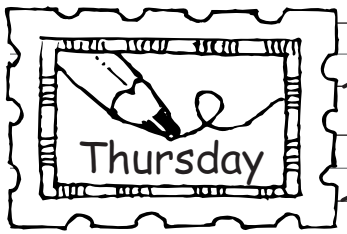

Name:

breeze sneeze
trapeze freeze

When you're on a trapeze,

it's a bad time to sneeze.

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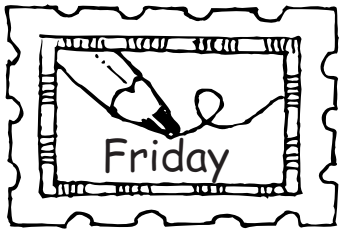

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Rhyming Riddles

Answer each riddle
with a rhyming pair.

dinosaur carnivore
redhead
marriage carriage
big pig
lucky ducky
green bean
flat hat

Someone whose hair is the color of a rose

th *redhead*

A large hog

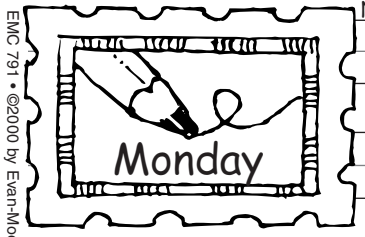
A cap after the elephant sat on it

A vegetable that grows on a vine

A web-footed winner

The wagon used by the bride and groom

A prehistoric creature that eats meat



Name:

Amazon Madeira
Japura Purus
Many rivers flow into the Amazon.

They are called tributaries.

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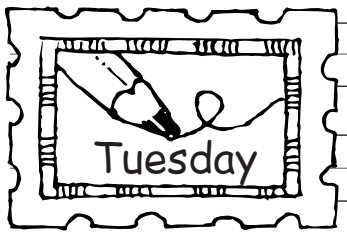

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Mississippi
Rio Grande
Colorado Mackenzie
St. Lawrence
The Mississippi is Old Man River.

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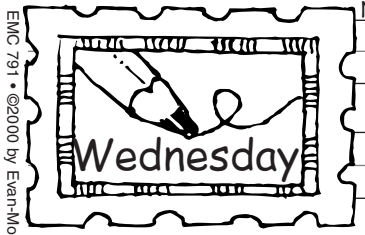

Thames Volga

Seine Rhine

The Thames flows through London.

The Rhine was important in history.

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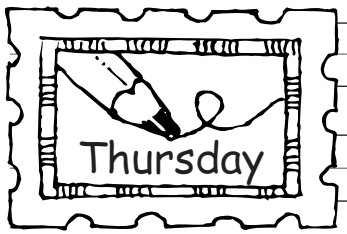

Yangtze Euphrates

Tigris Ganges

The Yangtze is a very long river.

Chinese civilization began along it.

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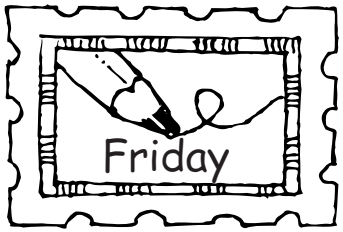

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Rivers of the World
Africa

The Nile is the longest river in the world. The name Nile came from the Greek word "neilos," which means "valley." Water from the river and fertile soil along its banks made this river valley a good place for ancient peoples to live and farm.

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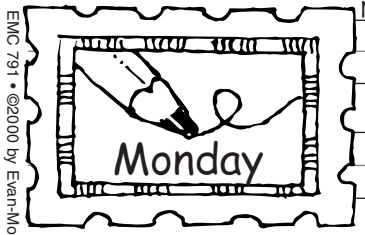

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Down by the river,

Down by the sea,

Kitty went fishing with kittens three.

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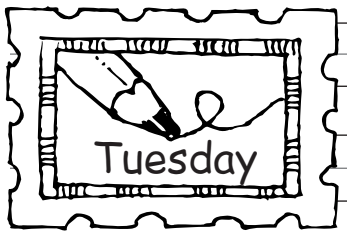

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Johnny's over the ocean.

Johnny's over the sea.

Johnny broke a cup and he blamed me.

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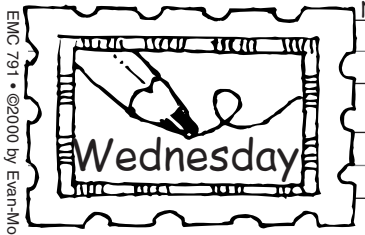

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Mama, Mama, I am sick.

Send for the doctor,

Quick, quick, quick!

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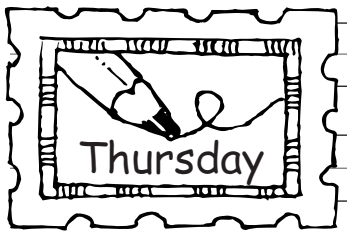

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Cinderella dressed in red

Went inside to bake some bread.

How many loaves did Cinderella bake?

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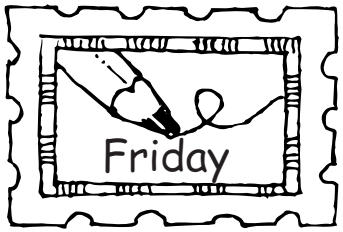

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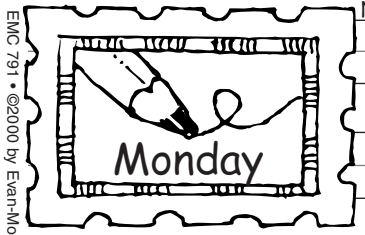
Nonsense Rhymes Fun

Bubble gum, bubble gum,
chew and blow.
Bubble gum, bubble gum,
scrape your toe.
Bubble gum, bubble gum,
tastes so sweet.
Get that bubble gum off your feet!

Copy the rhyme.



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silky anteater

howler monkey

The _____ eats ants.

The _____ 's roar is loud.

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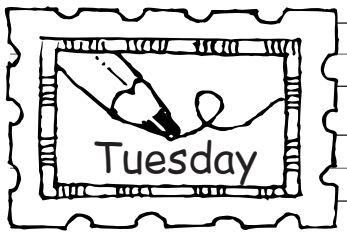

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atelopus

gecko

The atelopus is a poisonous frog.

The gecko has suction cups on its feet.

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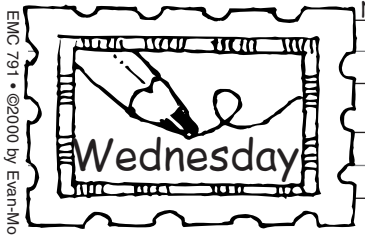

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black agouti
crab spider
The agouti cracks nuts with its jaws.

The crab spider looks like a flower.

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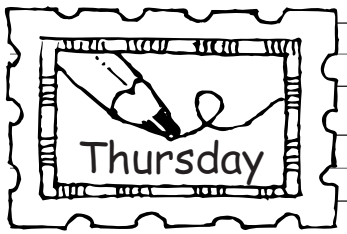

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Hercules beetle
toucan
The Hercules beetle is 6 inches long.

The toucan's large beak is not heavy.

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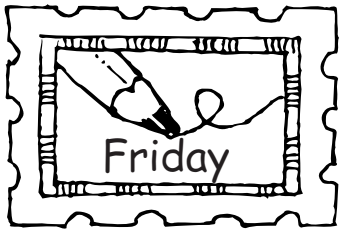

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In a Tropical Rainforest

Imagine walking through a rainforest...

Rain drips from the tips of leaves.
Frogs croak and monkeys cry
As giant butterflies quietly pass by.
Imagine standing on the forest floor...
Look up through the understory.
Look past the thick canopy
To the emergent layer and the sky.

Imagine walking through a rainforest...

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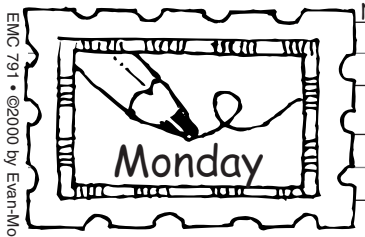

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keen ears

sharp eyes

An owl can see even when it is dark.

An owl can hear animals moving.

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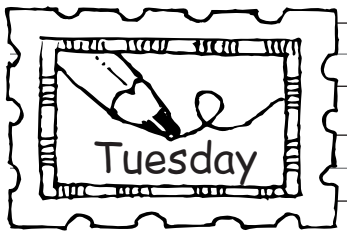

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sharp talons

hunters

An owl has four talons on each foot.

An owl uses its talons to grab a meal.

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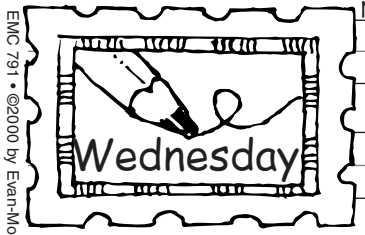

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fringed
feathers

The owl has fringed feathers.

The feathers help the owl fly quietly.

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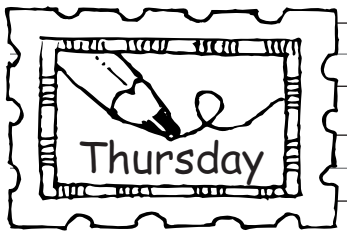

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no teeth
swallows

An owl tears its food apart.

It even swallows the bones.

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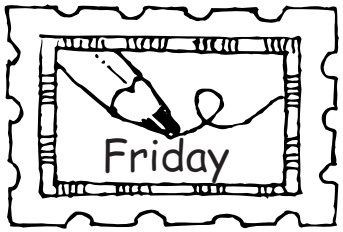

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Amazing Hunters

Owls are nocturnal hunters. They catch and eat small rodents. In fact, a single barn owl can eat over one thousand mice in just one year.

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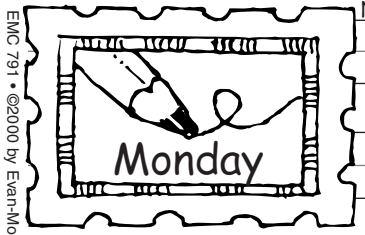

Whales have blowholes.

The holes are on top of their heads.

Whales use their blowholes to breathe.

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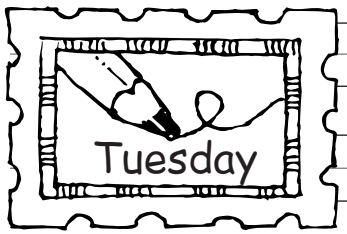

A whale swims to the surface.

It makes a spout called a blow.

The blow is droplets of water and air.

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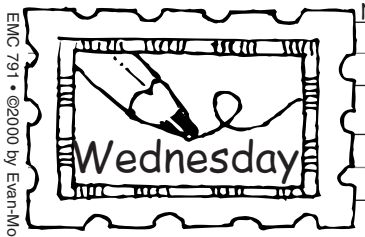

It closes its blowhole and dives.

It can hold its breath underwater.

A whale surfaces, blows, and dives.

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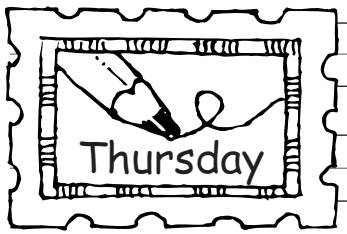

Whales blow differently.

Some whales have one blowhole.

Some whales have two blowholes.

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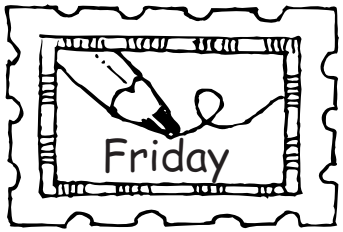

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Know Your Blows

The blue whale's blow is narrow and high. Right whales make two low blows with their twin blowholes. The humpback whale has a low blow. The sperm whale makes a blow that is angled forward and to the left.

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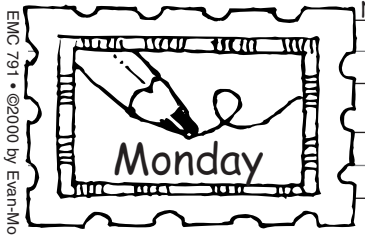

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water vapor
invisible gas
Air around us is filled with water.

Hot water changes into water vapor.

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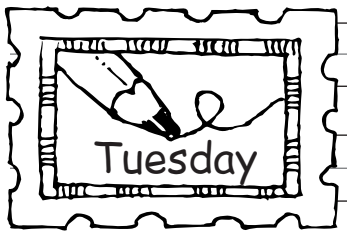

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droplet breath
cool warm
When water vapor cools, it forms drops.

Cold air changes the vapor into droplets.

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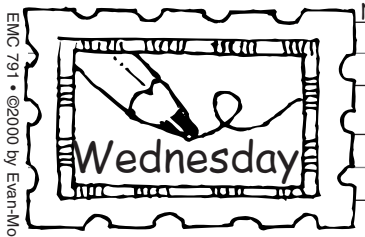

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liquid gas

droplets vapor

Droplets are liquid. Vapor is gas.

Water changes its form over and over.

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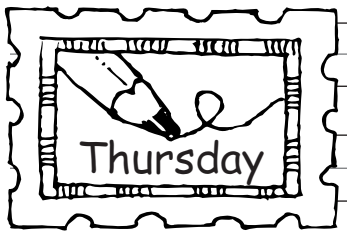

Name:

condensation

evaporation

Condensation = water vapor to droplets.

Evaporation = water droplets to vapor.

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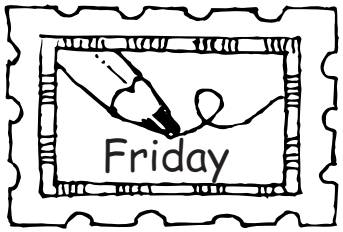

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The Water Cycle

Hot sun warms the Earth. The heat causes water to evaporate. The water vapor rises into the sky and meets cold air. It condenses into droplets. Millions of drops come together to make clouds. When a cloud gets full of water, water drops fall back to Earth.

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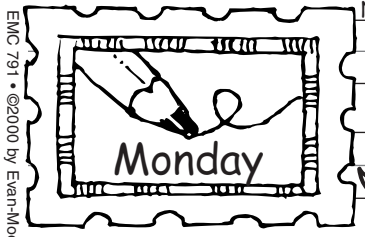

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January March
February April

January is named after a Roman god.

Janus was the god of all beginnings.

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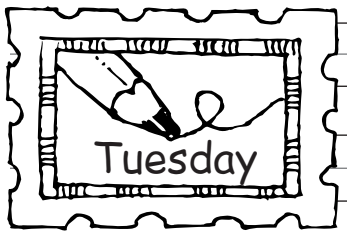

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May July
June August

In Canada, Dominion Day is July 1.

U.S. Independence Day is July 4.

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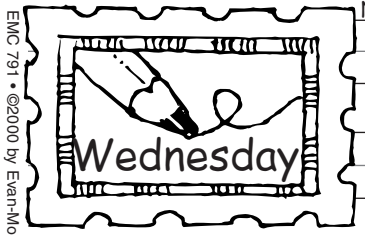

September
October
November
December
These names come from Latin words.

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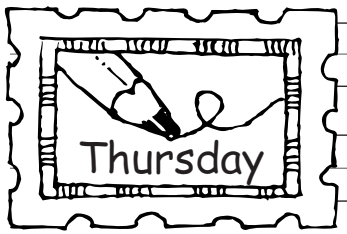

Winter
Spring
Summer
Autumn
The year is divided into four seasons.

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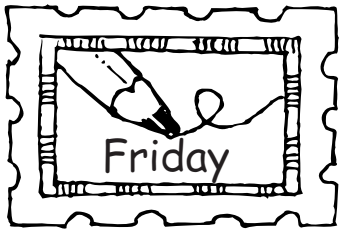

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Months of the Year

Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November;
All the rest have thirty-one,
Excepting February alone,
And that has twenty-eight days clear
And twenty-nine in each leap year.

Copy this traditional verse.

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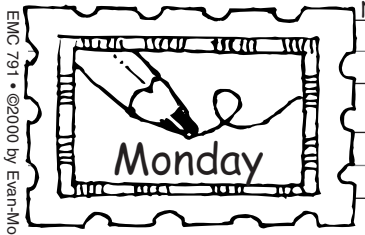

whispered
shouted
The cheerleader , "Yea!"
The librarian , "Quiet!"

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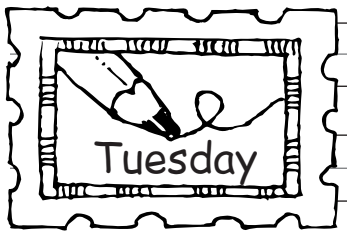

plodded
crept
The mouse home.
The elephant home.

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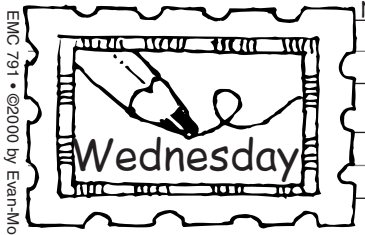

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dozed

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The cuddly kitten .

The tired puppy .

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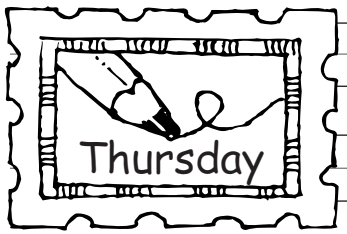

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The man the message.

The child the message.

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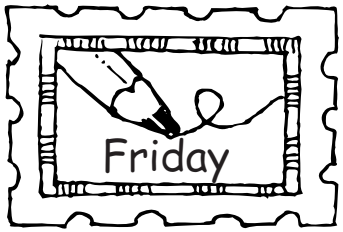

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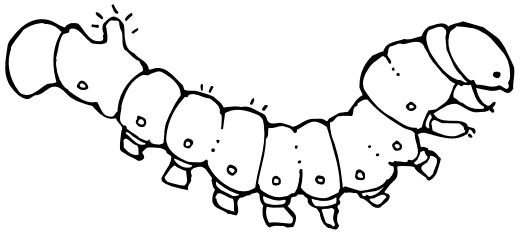
Poets Use Good Verbs

Copy this portion of the poem *Jump or Jiggle* by Evelyn Beyer.

Worms wiggle
Bugs jiggle
Puppies bounce
Kittens pounce
Lions stalk
But I walk!



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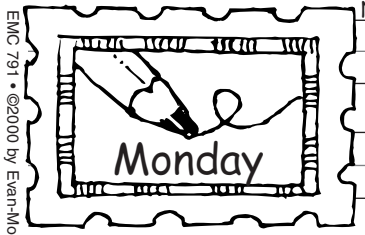

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simile

like as

A simile uses the words like or as.

The boy ate like a starved animal.

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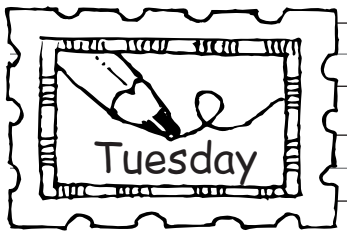

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metaphor

comparison

A metaphor doesn't use like or as.

Her voice was a symphony of sounds.

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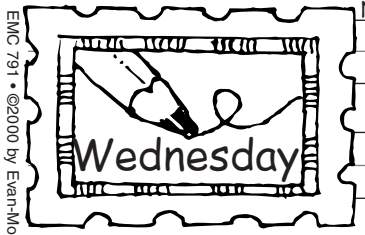

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personification

human traits

Personification makes things human.

My bike cried as I skidded to a stop.

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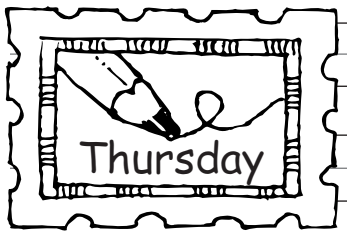

Name:

alliteration

repetition

Alliteration is the repetition of sounds.

Suddenly soapy suds swallowed a sock.

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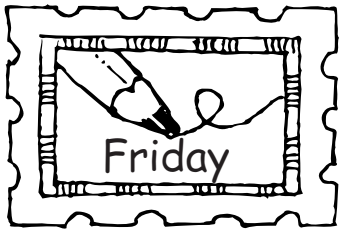

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His voice is as round and strong as a canyon echo.

from *Song and Dance Man* by Karen Ackerman

I could almost see the moon, with a can of paint, spraying the black water.

from *Whale Brother* by Barbara Steiner

Fire is a dragon alive in the night;
Fiery dragon, glittering bright.

from *Fire* by Shirley Hughes

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

from *Mother Goose*

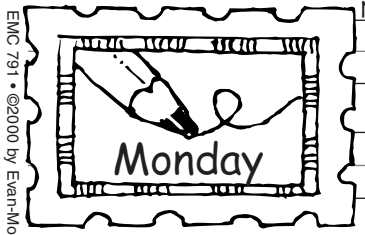
Copy each example of figurative language by its name.

simile

metaphor

alliteration

personification



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red blue

rose blossom

A riot of red roses rings the rock.

blue blossoms, a blooming blanket

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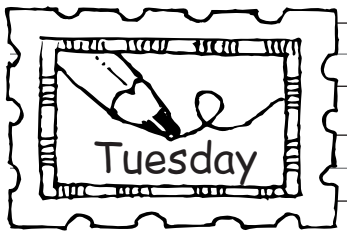

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white gray

whiskers grout

Which whisker is the white whisker?

Grandpa ground a groove in the grout.

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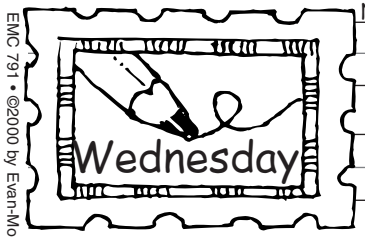

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purple pink
peacocks peony
Peacocks paraded in purple plumes.

Pink peony posed for a portrait.

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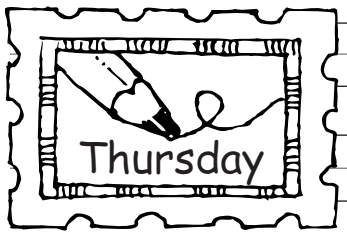

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yellow green
yolks grass
Yesterday's yolks were yucky yellow.

Greedy groundhogs grab green grass.

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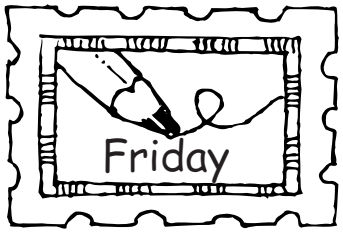

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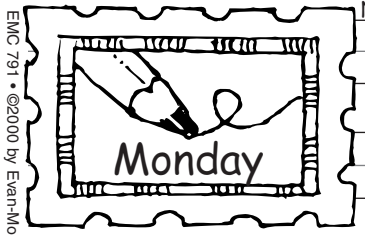
A Cold, Cold Day

On my cold, cold toes are yellow socks.
On my cold, cold hands are blue gloves.
On my cold, cold head is a tall red cap.
On my cold, cold back is a soft tan coat.
On my cold, cold legs are purple sweats.
On my cold, cold nose is an icicle!

Copy the sentences. Then draw and color a picture on the back of the paper.



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Beavers
habitat
Beavers change their habitats.

They block up streams to make ponds.

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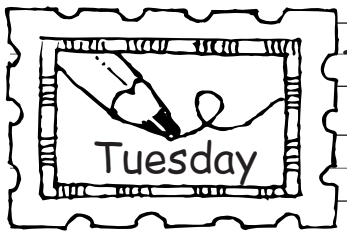

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Beavers are good swimmers.

Muscles keep water out of their noses.

See-through eyelids act like goggles.

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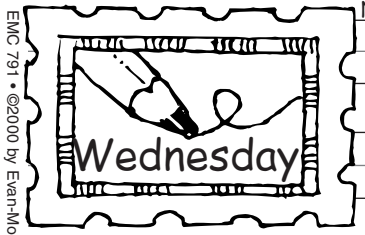

lodges
hollow
Beavers build a hollow lodge.

It has an underwater entrance.

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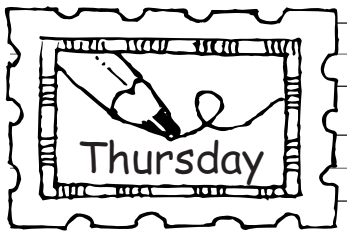

Beavers build dams.

They put stones on top of branches.

They scoop mud to fill in the spaces.

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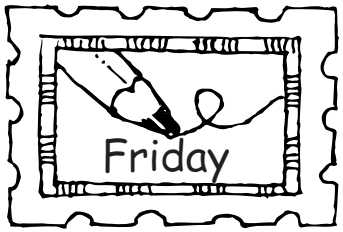

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A Beaver's Tale

The beaver's broad tail acts like a rudder to steer when it swims. Its webbed back feet help it swim. Strong front paws help it dig and carry. Two very large orange front teeth gnaw down trees. All in all, the beaver is perfectly equipped to be a pond engineer.

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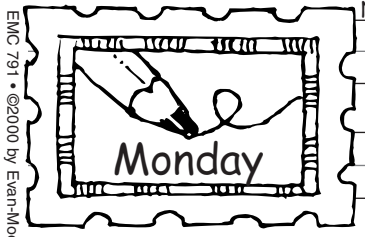

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Machines

Simple machines

Machines make our work easier.

Simple machines are in all machines.

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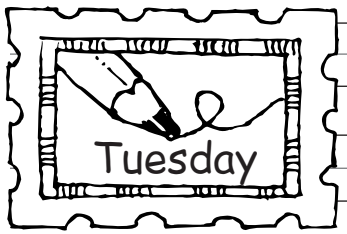

Name:

lever

pulley

A lever is a bar used for lifting.

A pulley makes it easier to move stuff.

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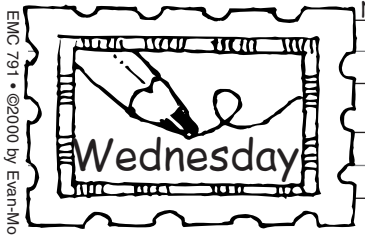

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screw

wedge

A screw can move things up and down.

A wedge is used to cut or split things.

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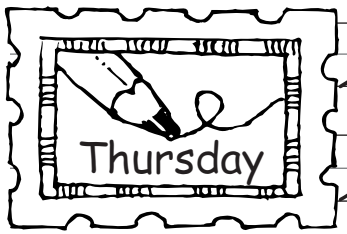

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wheel and axle

inclined plane

When a wheel turns, the axle turns.

An inclined plane is a tilted surface.

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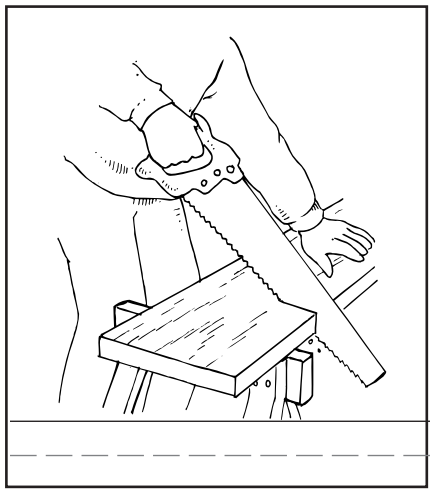
What Is Work?

work
not work

Write *work* or *not work* below each task.
Remember there must be a force and movement.



Scientists say that work is done if a push or force is used to move something over a distance. If the thing doesn't move, it is not considered work.

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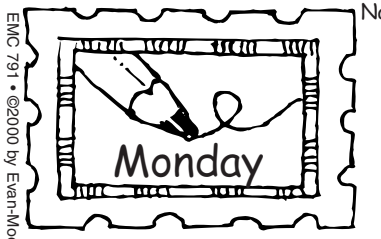

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"Listen, my children, and you shall hear
of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,....One
if by land, and two, if by sea...."

H. W. Longfellow from *Paul Revere's Ride*

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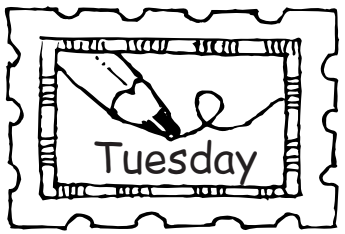

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"I must go down to the seas again, to the
lonely sea and the sky, And all I ask is a
tall ship and a star to steer her by."

John Masefield from *Sea Fever*

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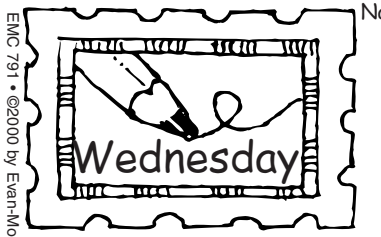

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"They have yarns of a skyscraper so tall that they had to put hinges on the top two stories so to let the moon go by."

Carl Sandberg from *They Have Yarns*

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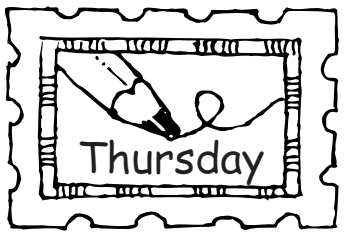

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"Where we walk to school each day Indian children used to play...All about our Native land, where the shops and houses stand."

Annette Wynne from *Indian Children*

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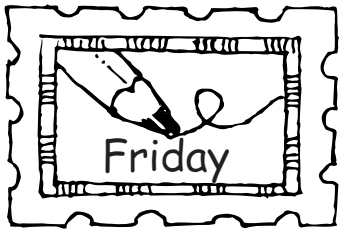

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Famous Quotations

"Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow....
The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep...."

Copy the poem.

Robert Frost from *Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening*

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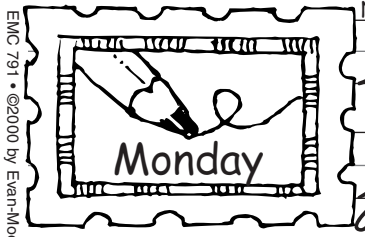

sports games

physical activity

Kids around the world play sports.

Sports are organized games.

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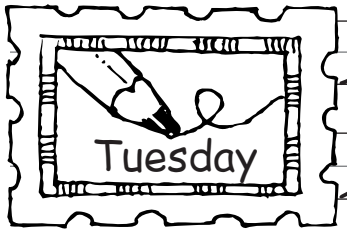

soccer football

kick goal

The most popular sport is soccer.

In most places, soccer is called football.

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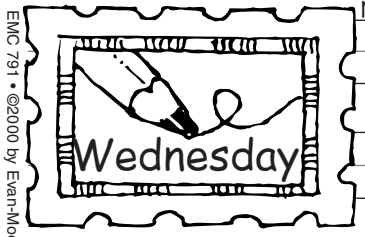

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Malaysia
footbag
Sepak raga is played in Malaysia.

Players pass a footbag to each other.

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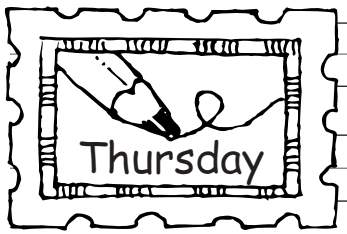

Name:

Tennis
France
Tennis probably originated in France.

It was played with a gloved hand.

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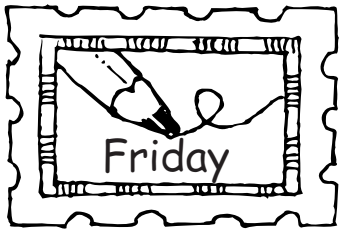

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The Olympics

The first Olympic Games were held in Olympus, Greece, in 776 B.C. Today's Olympic competitions include many different sports. Approximately 10,200 athletes participated in the 2000 Summer Games in Australia.

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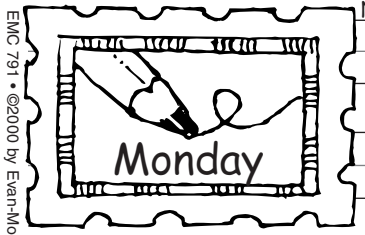

Name:

sugar candy

sweet tooth

Do you have a sweet tooth?

yes or no

Do you like all kinds of candy?

yes or no

The word *candy* comes from the Arabic word for *sugar*.

Candy Around the World
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Daily Handwriting Practice

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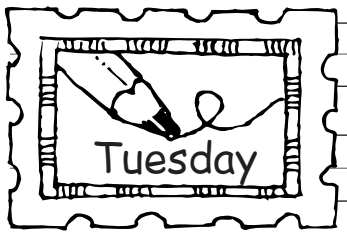


Name:

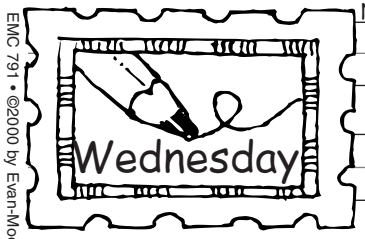
Switzerland

Belgium

Switzerland and Belgium are famous for their chocolates.

Many candies are made out of chocolate.

Carob is a substitute for chocolate.



Name:

Italy
Middle East
Italian children like chewy nougats.

Middle Eastern children like halvah.

Halvah is a sesame honey candy.

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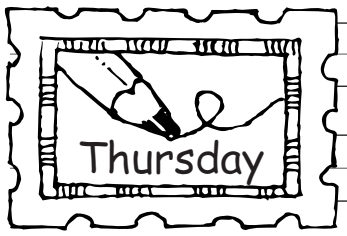

Name:

Seker Bayrami
Turkish Delight
Seker Bayrami is a candy holiday.

It is celebrated in Turkey.

Turkish children like a jellied candy with pistachios called Turkish Delight.

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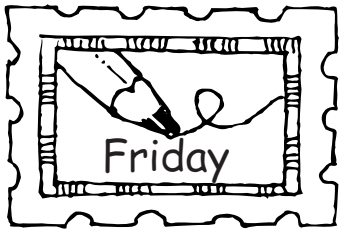


Name: _____

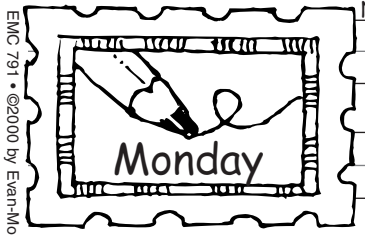
MMMmmm Candy Marbles!!

What You Need:
1/2 cup chunky peanut butter
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup crispy chow mein noodles, slightly crushed
1 cup stick pretzels, slightly crushed
1/2 cup chopped nuts

What You Do:

1. Stir the peanut butter, evaporated milk, brown sugar, and cinnamon together. Cook for five minutes.
2. Stir in noodles, pretzels, and nuts.
3. Drop spoonfuls onto a cookie sheet.
4. Chill for one hour.
5. Pop one in your mouth!

Copy the steps for making Candy Marbles.



Name:

Kenya Africa
equator

Kenya is on the east coast of Africa.

Kenya lies across the equator.

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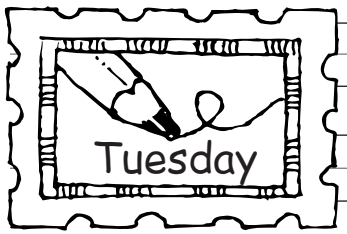

Name:

Nairobi
Swahili

Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya.

The people speak Swahili or English.

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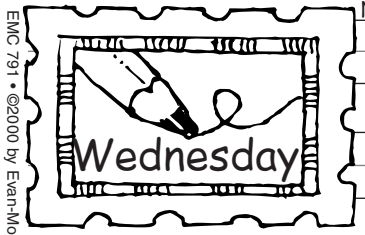

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Masai Mara
game park
Wild animals are safe in Masai Mara.

Many animals live in the game park.

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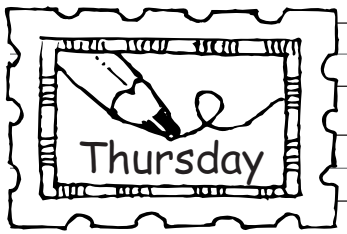

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Mombasa
harbor
Kenya's second-largest city is Mombasa.

Mombasa has a very busy harbor.

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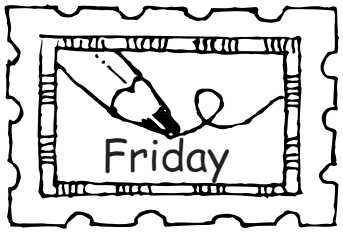

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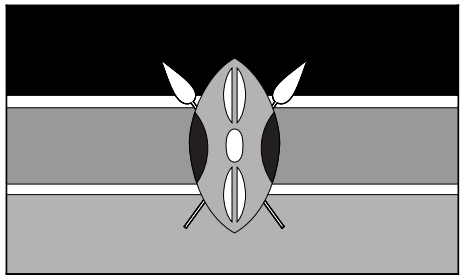
Kenya's Flag

The black on the flag represents the people of Kenya. The red represents the blood shed in Kenya's fight for independence. The green represents the fertility of the land. The white represents peace. The shield of the warrior represents Kenya's pride and tradition.



The flag of Kenya has three stripes on it. The top stripe is black. The center stripe is red and the bottom stripe is green. The red stripe in the center is edged in white. In the middle of the flag there is a Masai warrior's shield with two crossed spears.

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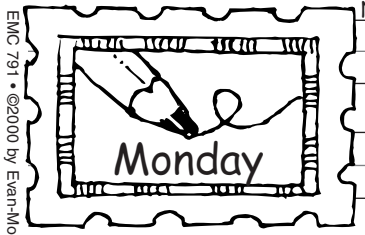

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addition

subtraction

Add two numbers to get a sum.

Subtract to get the difference.

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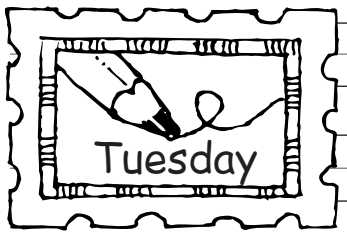

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multiplication

division

Multiply to get the product.

Divide to find the quotient.

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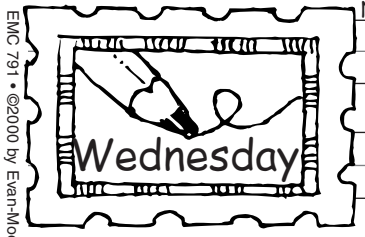

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Mathematics
Arithmetic
Mathematics is the science of numbers.

Arithmetic is part of mathematics.

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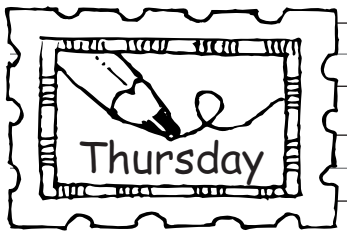

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geometry
algebra
There are different kinds of math.

What kind is your favorite?

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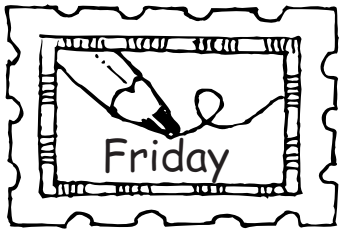

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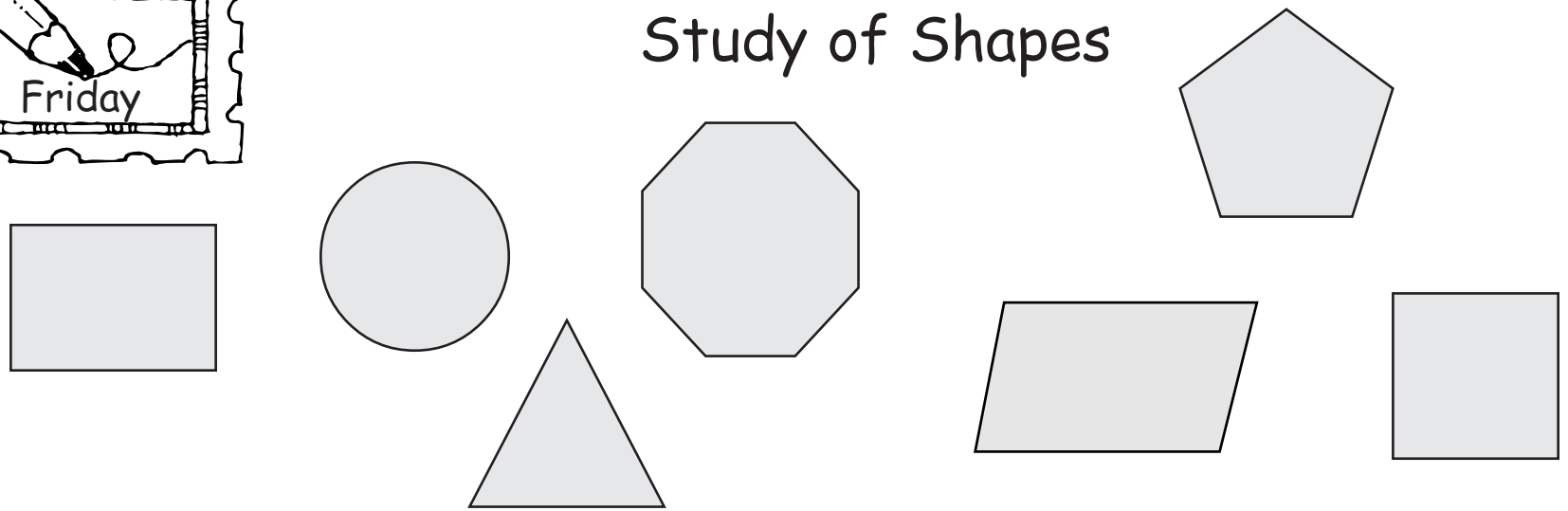
Study of Shapes



Geometry is the study of shapes. Copy the names of these shapes. Can you draw the shapes?

circle

rectangle

triangle

square

parallelogram

octagon

pentagon

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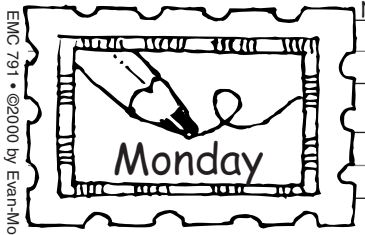

Name:

alphabet
Roman

The Roman alphabet has 26 letters.

Alphabet letters represent sounds.

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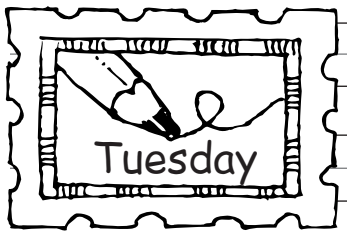

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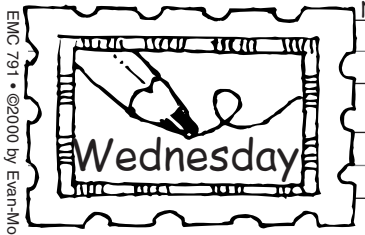
Chinese writing uses characters.

Characters stand for words and ideas.

Today Chinese students learn pin-yin.

In pin-yin Roman letters represent Chinese sounds.



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There are different alphabets.

The Arabic alphabet is used in Egypt.

It's used to write Arabic and Kurdish.

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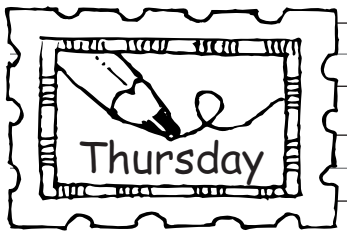

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Thai alphabet

Asia

It has symbols for different vowels.

It is used throughout Asia.

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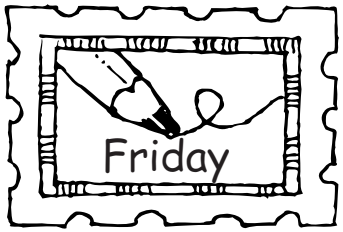

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Hooray for Cyril and Methodius!

In the late ninth century, two Greek brothers named Cyril and Methodius revised and refined the Greek alphabet. The alphabet was a great success. Today it is called the Cyrillic alphabet. It is used to write Bulgarian, Russian, and a number of other Slavic languages.

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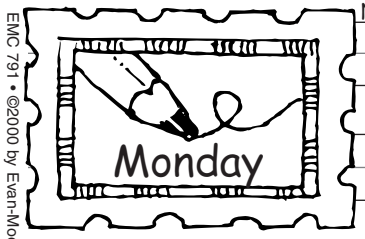

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A a A is for ants

amazing, ambitious, architect ants

An adventurous ant ambles annoyingly.

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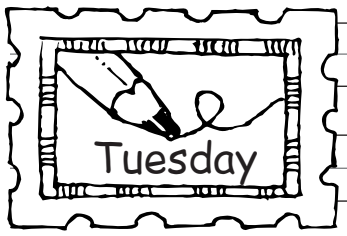

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B b B is for bumblebee

beautiful, busy, buzzing bumblebee

The bumblebee is by the berry bush.

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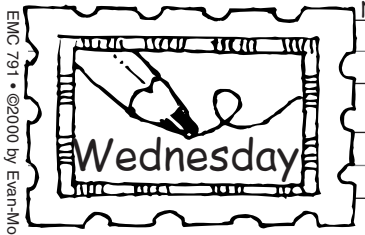

Cc C is for crickets

cheerful, chirping cricket chorus

Crickets, creep up. Commence chirping.

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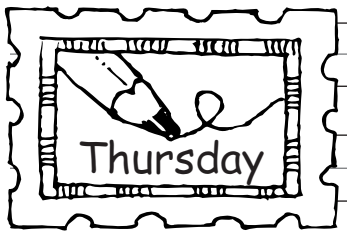

Dd D is for damselfly

dainty, demure, darting damselfly

Don't disturb the delicate damselfly.

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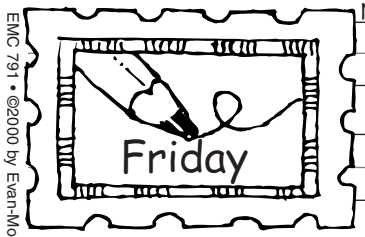

E e E is for earwig

enormous, exotic, excitable earwig

The earwig excavates an earthen nest.

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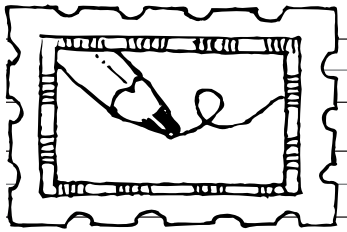

F f F is for fleas

formidable, flourishing fleas

Fumigate a fast-growing family of fleas.

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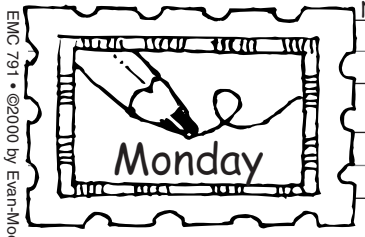

Gg G is for grasshoppers

great, gravity-defying grasshoppers

Green grasshoppers gracefully glide.

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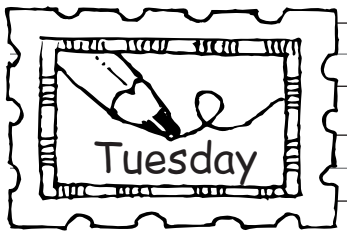

Hh H is for housefly

hovering, hungry, harassing housefly

Hurry, help me hit that housefly!

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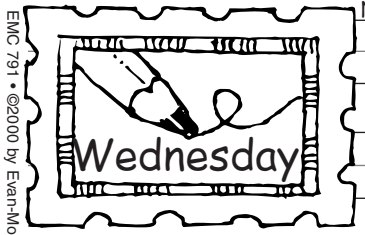

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I i I is for inchworm

itty-bitty, industrious inchworm

Imagine inching innocently forward.

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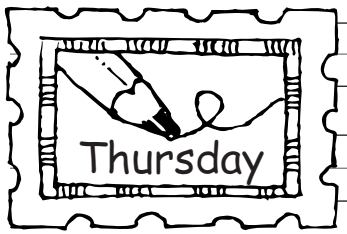

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J j J is for June beetle

just a jet-setting June beetle

June beetle journeys on jaunty wings.

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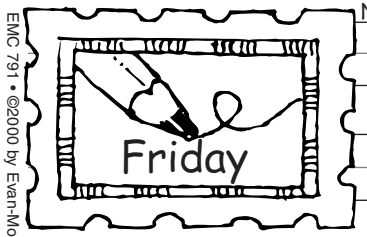

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K k K is for katydid

kind, kinetic katydid

Katydid keeps on key as it sings.

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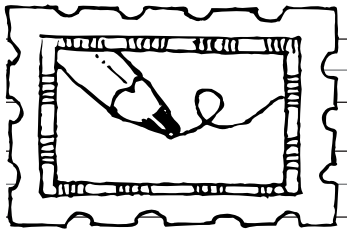

L l L is for ladybug

lovely, little ladybug

Ladybug lifts its wings and launches.

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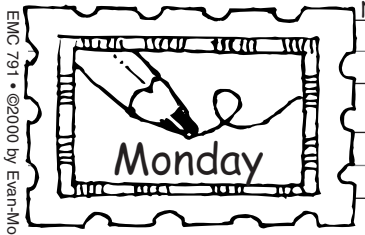

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M m M is for mosquitoes

maddening, marauding mosquitoes

Mash the menacing mob of mosquitoes.

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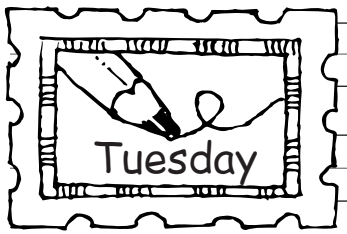

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N n N is for nightcrawlers

ninety nocturnal nightcrawlers

Nightcrawlers never nap as they nibble.

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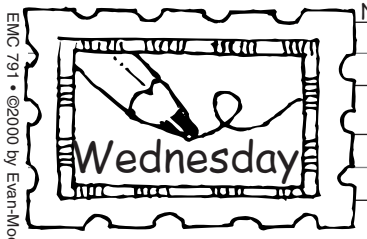

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O o O is for oriental cockroach

overbold, objectionable cockroach

Oriental cockroach outruns homeowners.

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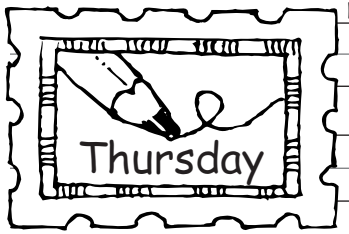

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P p P is for praying mantis

peculiar, patient praying mantis

Praying mantis poses on its perch.

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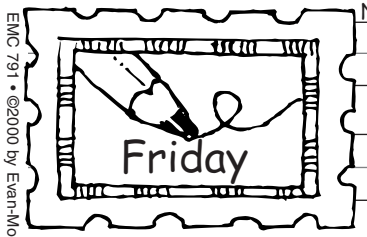

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Qq Q is for queen termite

quiet, quivering queen termite

Quickly the queen lays eggs.

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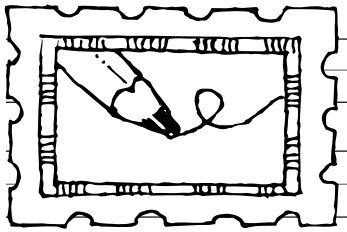

Rr R is for rhinoceros beetle

really robust rhinoceros beetle

Regardless of rain, it rambles.

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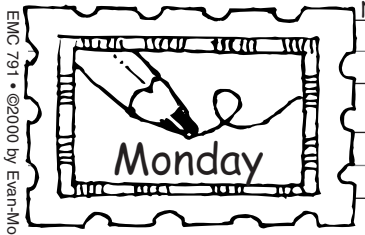

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Ss S is for scorpion

scary, stinging, scurrying scorpion

Some scorpions sting striding strangers.

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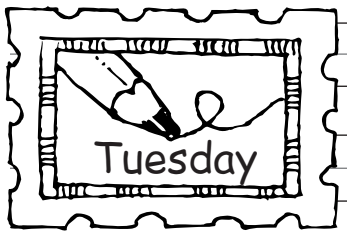

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Tt T is for ticks

tailless, troublesome ticks

Ticks target tempting, tasty tourists.

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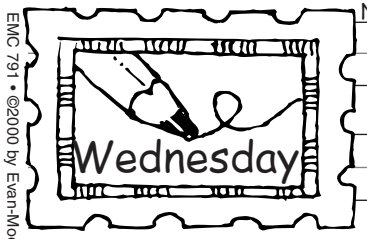

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U u U is for underwing moth

unique, unusual underwing moth

Usually the underwing uses its wings.

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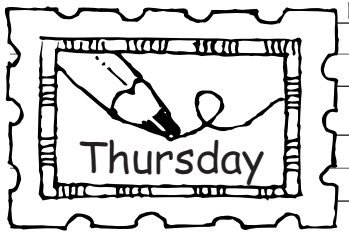

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V v V is for velvet ants

very vulnerable velvet ants

Velvet ants rely on their velveteen coats.

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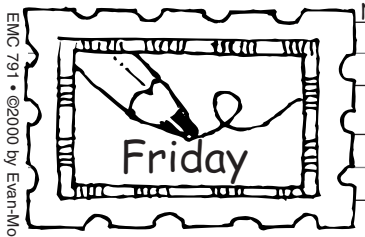
Velvet ants are really flightless female digger wasps.



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Ww W is for water strider

water-skiing water strider

Its widespread legs walk on water.

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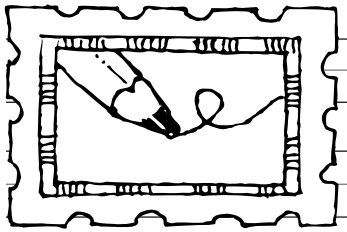

Xx X is for xylophanes tersa

excellent sphinx moth

Xylophanes tersa is a sphinx moth.

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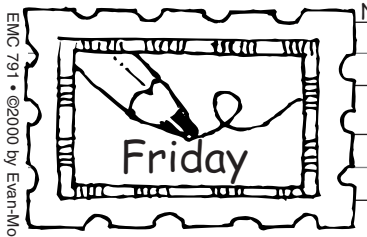

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Y y Y is for yellow jacket

Yikes! It's a yellow jacket.

Yellow jackets think you are yummy.

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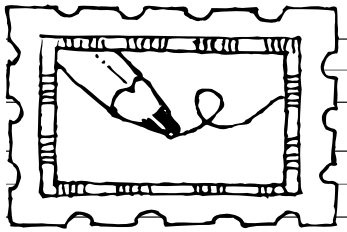

Z z Z is for zebra swallowtail

zipping, zooming zebra swallowtail

Zebra swallowtails zigzag with zeal.

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Author's Note

The Buggy Alphabet Book represents my best cursive handwriting. I have practiced writing all the letters of the alphabet in lots of different words.

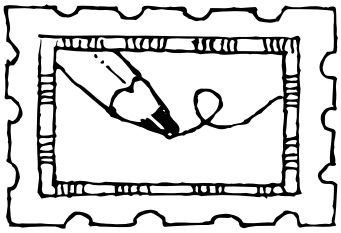
I dedicate this book to _____.

signature _____

date _____

The Buggy Alphabet Book

by _____



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